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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 660, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to faith-based organizations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 660, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 660.750, to read as follows:

660.750. 1. This act shall be known as the "Faith-Based Organization Liaison Act".

- 2. The director of the department of social services shall designate regional department employees to serve as liaisons to faithbased organizations in their regions.
 - 3. The director shall ensure that the primary function of each employee designated as a liaison under this section is to:
- 8 (1) Communicate with faith-based organizations regarding the 9 need for private community services to benefit persons in need of 10 assistance who otherwise would require financial or other assistance 11 under public programs administered by the department;
- 12 (2) Promote the involvement of faith-based organizations in 13 working to meet community needs for assistance; and
- 14 (3) Coordinate the department's efforts to promote involvement 15 of faith-based organizations in providing community services with 16 similar efforts of other state agencies.